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OF THE

PAPER

Delivered the Night before her Execution,

BY

SARAH MALCOM,

TO THE

Rev. Mr. PIDDINGTON, Lecturer of St. *Bartholomew the Great*, *March* 6th, 1732-3.

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OF *the following Paper it needs only be ſaid, that it was written by this unfortunate Perſon with her own Hand in the* Preſs-yard *of* Newgate, *on* Tueſday *the Sixth Inſtant, the Day before her Suffering. She ſpent the greateſt Part of the Day in Writing it; and when it was finiſh'd ſhe read it over ſeveral times: being often admoniſh'd to be careful*

to

to write nothing but what was Truth. She then folded it up with her own Hands before the Rev. Dr. Middleton, *Lecturer of St.* Bride's, *and* Rowland Ingram, *Esq; Keeper of his* Majesty's *Goal of* Newgate, *who both sealed it with their own Seals; in which manner she delivered it to me, with a desire that it might be published.*

After the Execution was over, the Paper was opened before the Worshipful the Sheriffs *of* London *and* Middlesex, *Dr.* Middleton, *Mr.* Peters, *Mr.* Brouncker, *and Mr.* Ingram; *and being read, was again sealed up, and produced last Night before the Honourable the Masters*

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of the Bench of the Inner *and* Middle Temples, *who read and returned it to me in the manner in which they received it, and in the manner wherein it now appears to the World.*

March 9th,
1732-3.

WM. PIDDINGTON.

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WM. PIDDINGTON.

March the 6. 1733.

SIR,

YOU cannot be, nor are not unſenſible that there is a juſt God, before whom we muſt give an exact Account of all our Actions, at the End of our Lives.

So as my Life is at an End, and I muſt appear before the All-ſeeing Judge of Heaven and Earth, to give an Account of mine, ſo I take that great Judge to witneſs, that what I here declare is true.

January the 28, which was *Sunday*, after my Maſter was gone to Commons, *Mary Tracey* came to me, and drank Tea, and then it was, I did give my Conſent to that unhappy Act of

Robbing

Robbing Mrs. *Duncomb*, but I do declare before the Almighty, before whom I shortly shall appear, I did not know of the Murder.

And on *Saturday* the 3d of *February* was the Time appointed, and according they came about 10 a Clock at Night, and *Mary Tracey* came to Mr. *Kerrol*'s Chambers, and I went to Mrs. *Duncomb*'s, and on the Stairs I met the Maid, and she did ask me, whether I was going to the old Maid, and I answered I was. and as soon as I thought she had got down Stairs, I would have gone in myself, but I thought that I should give some Suspicion, and so I asked which would go in, and *James Alexander* replied, he would, and the Door being left open for the Maid, against her Return. or otherways I was to have knocked at the Door, and after to have let them in, but it being open hindered it, and I gave *James Alexander* Directions to lie under the Maid's Bed. and desired *Mary Tracey* and *Thomas Alexander* to go and stay for me at my Master's Door until my Return, and according they did, and when I came, I desired they would go and stay for me at Mrs. *Duncomb*'s Stairs, until my Return, and I went and lighted a Candle, and stirred

ſtirred the Fire in my Maſter's Chamber, and went again to *Mary Tracey* and *Thomas Alexander*, who were on Mrs. *Duncomb*'s Stairs, and there we waited until after two a Clock on the *Sunday* which was the 4th of *February*, and then I would have gone in, but when *Thomas Alexander* and *Mary Tracey* interrupted me, and ſaid, if you go in, and they awake, they will know you, and if you ſtay on the Stairs, it may be that ſome one will come up and ſee you; but I made Anſwer, that no one lives up ſo high but Madam *Duncomb*.

And at length it was concluded that *Mary Tracey* and the other *Alexander* ſhould go in, and ſhut the Door, and accordingly they did, and there I remained until between 4 and 5 a Clock, and then they came out, and ſaid *Hip*, and I came higher up, and they did ask, which way they ſhould ſhut the Door, and I told them to run the Bolt back, and it would ſpring into its Place, and accordingly they did, and came down, and having come down, they asked, where they ſhould divide what they had got, I asked how much that was, they ſaid, about three hundred Pounds in Goods and Money, but ſaid they were forced to gag them all.

I DESIRED to know, where they had found it, they ſaid, that fifty Guineas of it was in the old Maid's Pocket in a Leathern Purſe, beſides Silver, that they ſaid was looſe; and above an hundred and fifty Pounds in a Drawer, beſides the Mony that they had out of a Box, and the Tankard, and one Silver Spoon, and a Ring which was looped with Thread, and one ſquare Piece of Plate, one Pair of Sheets, and two Pillow-beers, and five Shifts, and we did divide all this, near *Fig-Tree-Court*, as alſo near *Pump-Court*, and they did ſay unto me, beſure that you bury the *Cole* and Plate under Ground, until the Robbery is all over: For if you be ſeen flush of *Cole*, you will be ſuſpected; and on *Monday*, beſure, about 3 or 4 a Clock, you come to the *Pewter Platter* on *Holbourn-Bridge*.

I BEING apprehended on the *Sunday* Night, on the *Monday* Morning, when I was in the *Compter*, I happened to ſee one *Bridgewater*, he ſaid, he was ſorry to ſee me there, I alſo was ſorry to ſee him a Brother in Affliction; he deſired me to give him a Dram, for he was a great while in Priſon, and I threw him a Shilling and a Farthing: And I walking about the Room, I was

ſurpriſed

ſurpriſed to hear me called by my Name, and looking about, I obſerv'd at the Head of the Bed ſomething move, and I pulled back the Curtain, and there I ſaw this *Bridgewater*, and he asked, whether I had ſent for any Friends; I told him I had, and not long after, he called me again, and ſaid, there was a Friend come to me; and I looked thorough the Hole in the Wall, and asked, whether that was *Will Gibbs*, and he anſwered me, yes; and I asked him, how the *Alexanders* were, he ſaid, they were well; he asked me, how I came to be taken, and I told him, my Maſter having found the Tankard, and ſome Linnen, and he having ſeen ninety Pounds and ſixteen Shillings on the *Sunday* the 4th of *February*, but it might through Surprize be forgot, but I had it all. He ſaid, if I would give him ſome Mony, he would get People, that would ſwear that the Tankard was my Mother's according as I would direct; but ſaid I, you muſt get ſome one to ſwear, that I was at their Houſe; he ſaid, it muſt be a Woman, and he ſaid, ſhe would not go without 4 Guineas, and the four Men muſt have 2 Guineas a-piece. So I gave him 12 Guineas, and he ſaid, he and his Friends would be at the *Bull's-Head* in *Bread-Street*, but when I asked for them, I could not

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hear of them, and when I came before the Worſhipful Alderman *Brocas*, I was committed to *Newgate*.

AND when I was brought up to the Common Side, I was bid to pull off my Riding-hood, and one *Peter Buck* a Priſoner obſerved a Bulk in my Hair to hang down behind, and told one *Roger Johnſon*, that I certainly had Mony in my Hair, and Mr. *Johnſon* brought me down in a Cellar, and told me, that *Peter Buck* ſaid, I had Mony in my Hair, and he laid his Hand on my Head, and bid me take it out, and ſo I did, and he counted 36 Moidores and 18 Guineas, and 6 Broad Pieces, and 2 of them were 25 Shillings, and 4 were 23 Shillings Pieces, and half a 23 Shillings, and 5 Crowns, and 2 Half-Crowns and one Shilling, and he ſaid in the Condemned Hole he would be cleared and get out of Goal on that Account.

In the Seal'd Cover, wherein the foregoing PAPER *was enclos'd, were theſe Words written alſo with her own Hand.*

THE Enclos'd, which contains Six Sides of Paper, which I take Almighty God and my own Conſcience to witneſs, is nothing but the very Truth, as witneſs my Hand,

SARAH MALCOM.

At the Place of EXECUTION.

SHE declar'd ſhe died in Peace with all the World. Earneſtly deſired to ſee her Maſter *Kerroll*; but as ſhe could not, proteſted that all Accuſations and Aſperſions concerning Him are entirely falſe, and that all Confeſſions, except thoſe delivered to me, are entirely groundleſs, and likewiſe ſolemnly declared that the Contents of the foregoing Paper were true.

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